

Republican repeal will deny coverage for up to 284,000 individuals on the Central Coast, including 40,000 children, with pre-existing conditions

Washington, DC – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) released the following statement after the passage of the Republican Patients' Rights Repeal Bill by a vote of 245-189:

"As Americans continue to suffer from high unemployment rates and a slumping economy, I am very disappointed that Republicans have elected to make the repeal of health care reform their agenda priority.

The Republican health care repeal is not about creating jobs, strengthening the middle class or reducing the national deficit. Unfortunately, it is about denying health care coverage for up to 284,000 individuals on the Central Coast and increasing the drug costs for seniors in our area.

While the Republican Majority insists we run circles around this issue, millions of Americans walk out their front door every morning to look for work—only to return with less hope and more worries.

Everyday Americans across the country worry about losing their home and not being able to adequately provide for their family. And now, Republicans also want them to worry about losing their health care coverage.

It is time to open our eyes, and face the dire reality facing our country. Democrats are ready and eager to work on bipartisan legislation that works for job creation and reducing the deficit. But I do not see how this Republican repeal helps our nation shorten unemployment lines or put people back to work.”

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